Papua New Guinea (PNG) has a remarkable diversity of resources, and a population of over 8 million people, 85% of whom live in rural areas. The World Bank's long-term support to PNG is focused on improving livelihoods, strengthening resilience, ensuring effective services reach people, diversifying the economy and creating jobs.

### Agriculture & Food
The Productive Partnership in Agriculture Project is PNG's largest agriculture program and has supported more than 67,000 coffee and cocoa farmers to build their skills, productivity and access to markets. The project includes a strong focus on increasing support to women farmers.

### Social & Jobs
In Port Moresby, the Urban Youth Employment Project has helped 18,500 long-term unemployed young Papua New Guineans – 40% of whom are women – undertake vocational training and fully-subsidized work placements, creating over 815,000 days of work. In 2021, the project is expanding to PNG's second largest city, Lae.

### Transport
Now in its second phase, the World Bank's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project has already restored more than 160 kilometers of roads across PNG, benefitting an estimated 1.3 million people (27% of PNG's population).

### Health
In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the World Bank approved an emergency US$20 million (approximately PGK70m) project to supply 600,000 pieces of PPE for health workers, critical supplies and facilities for testing, as well as funding for extensive public education activities, all across the country.